ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

of the

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

of the

Judson Baptist Association,

Held With

Bethel Baptist Church, Barbour County, Alabama,

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 29TH, AND 30TH, 1899.

. . . Officers . . .

WM. J. MARTIN, Moderator, - - Abbeville, Ala.
J. W. MALONE, JR., Clerk, - - - Wesley, Ala.
B. F. HARRIS, Treas., - - - Shorterville, Ala.

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F. B. JERNIGAN, - - - - : Belcher, Ala

The next session will be held with Hebron Baptist Church, Henry County, Alabama, Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1900. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Eld. D. E. Burdeshaw.

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PRESS OF THE ABBEVILLE TIMES,
Abbeville, Ala.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

A L Martin, Abbeville, Ala.
Geo M Parker, Abbeville, Ala.
J W Malone Sr, Wesley, Ala.
J W Malone Jr, Wesley, Ala,
D E Burdeshaw, Kinsey, Ala,
J W Knowles, Bracken, Ala,
R B Lee, Eufaula, Ala,
A H Taylor, Kinsey, Ala.
A Daughety, Cowarts, Ala.
W H F Smith, Headland, Ala,
S J Knowles, Headland, Ala,
W M White, Headland, Ala,
W J Martin, Abbeville, Ala,
J W Owens, Headland, Ala,
J W Burkett, Dothan, Ala,

LICENTIATES.

J A Campbell, Headland, Ala.
F B Jernigan, Belcher, Ala,
T O Hutto, Shorterville, Ala.

MINUTES

The Forty-Ninth Annual session of the Judson Baptist Association convened with Bethel Baptist church, Barbour county, Thursday September 28, 1898 and was called to order by the former Moderator. Rev W J Martin. After prayer by Rev Geo M Parker, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev J W Malone, Jr., from Luke 11:9. After the sermon Rev A J Preston led in prayer.

Letters from the churches were then deposited with the Clerk. The committee on hospitality of Bethel church then made a report assigning homes to the delegates.

Benediction by Rev J W Malone, Jr.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 1:30 P M and was led in prayer by Rev D E Burdeshaw.

Letters from the churches were read by Brethren Geo M Parker and J V Brown and delegates enrolled as follows:

Abbeville—J B Ward, J V Brown, W J Martin and Geo M Parker.

Adoniram—Fowler Hall.

Bethel—J E Vinson, J W Malone, S J Pelcher and W M Jimmerson.

Bethlehem—

Beulah—T H Trotter and J J Boyett.

Center—Jno Roney and W H Elmore.

Christian Grove—J W Jones and Lee Deshazo.

Concord—

Enon—C B Bridges and J R Rackley.

Fllowship—W M Barnes and W H Capps.

Friendship—H T Adams.

Headland—A S Whitten, J L Campbell and J W Owens.

Hebron—A J Armstrong and T D Armstrong.

Judson—Geo L Fleming.

Lawrenceville—W L Kelly, and T Kelley.

Mt Aerial—F B Jernigan and R D Richards.

Oaky Grove—

Old Zion—F W Starling, W Y Fleming and W H Hutto.

Pleasant Grove—M V Capps, Geo M Dunn, A Armstrong and C A McGee.

Sardis—Joseph Ward and Frank Stanley.

Shorterville—B F Harris, W T Poindexter, A C Fortson and T Q Hutto.

Smyrnah—T J Dawsey.

Tollers.—Seaborn Taylor, Jr. and E S Bryant.

Union Springs—Nathan Jones and J H Willis.

The organization was then completed by the election of Rev W J Martin, Moderator, and J W Malone, Jr., Clerk; B F Harris was retained in office as Treasurer.

The following special committees were appointed, viz:

Devotional, Pastor and Deacons of Bethel church with J B Ward, M V Capps, A Armstrong and A J Armstrong.

Finance, Wm Kelly, J J Boyett and J V Brown.

Nomination, J B Ward, Fowler Hall and T H Trotter.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons, Geo L Fleming, Geo Dunn and Joseph Ward.

CORRESPONDENTS:—Elder A J Preston, Representative of State board of Missions was received and welcomed.

Correspondents to Associations appointed as follows:

Eufaula, F B Jernigan, S J Belcher, J R Price, W J Martin and J M White.

Columbia, J J Boyett, W H Capps, W Y Fleming, M V Capps, G L Fleming, D E Burdeshaw and A J Armstrong, Wm Barnes, W H Hutto and J W Owens

Newton, A L Martin.

West Fla., D E Burdeshaw.

Geneva, W H Elmore and J W Owens.

Rev J W Malone offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That any member of our body be allowed to represent us in the various Associations which they may attend provided they be in good standing.

Report of Standing Committees.

Rev A J Preston read as follows the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are glad to report that our work in the State is in very much better condition than it was one year ago. Owing to yellow fever and smallpox two years ago and the short crops and low prices of cotton last year our State Board had fallen very much behind with our missionaries. We entered this year with an indebtedness hanging over us of about twenty-seven hundred dollars. This has been liquidated and we are now practically out of debt. There was another discouraging feature about our work in the commencement of this year. We were without a corresponding secretary and several members of the board had just sent in their resignation. The vacancies on the board, caused by said resignations, have all been filled by efficient and devout men, whose hearts are in the work, and just at the time when we most needed him, through the providences of God, we were enabled to secure the services

of Bro W B Crampton as corresponding secretary, who had before served in that capacity so long and faithfully. Thus the work has been blessed with a most successful year, and Baptists all over the State have come to rejoice, and encouragement to put forth their efforts for the accomplishment of greater things for the Lord next year through the work of State Missions R W Miller, Ch'm. Com.

On motion of J W Malone the various mission reports were discussed and adopted together.

The Devotional Committee offered the following report.

Elder A J Preston preach to-night at the home of Brother Daniel Walker and at church to-morrow at 11 a m. Elder D E Burdeshaw preach at 3 p m: Elder Geo M Parker preach Saturday at 11 am.

The case of Rev R B Lee who is very sick at his home was presented by Rev J W Malone and discussed by Brethren F B Jernigan, Geo M Parker and A J Preston.

On motion of Bro J W Malone adjourned to meet Friday at 8.30.

SECOND DAY. MORNING SESSION.

The body assembled at appointed hour. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev J W Owens, after which regular order of business was taken up.

Rev A J Preston read as follows report on

HOME MISSIONS

Dear Brethren:—There has never been a time in the history of our convention when such opportunities presented themselves to us in the Home Field as now. The doors of Cuba and Porto Rica have been thrown open to us, and presents to our people a whitening harvest. Besides these two important fields there is much work yet to be done in the Indian Territory and along the frontiers of our country. We have at present 487 missionaries who are doing faithful and efficient service. This has been the most successful year in the history of the Board. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our work, whereof we are glad.

But with the present demands upon us we should pray the Lord to send forth more laborers into the harvest. Then we should open our hearts and purses to sustain those who have been sent. Respectfully submitted.

D E Burdeshaw.

J J Boyett read as follows report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report: We see from the reports of the churches that there was a very small amount sent up for the Foreign

Mission cause. The Lord's command is to go ye into all the world and preach my gospel, and lo, I am with you even unto the end. The reports from the various mission fields show that the Lord is blessing his servants in the conversion of the heathen, and the cry is: more laborers. To supply this need means must be raised to send those who are ready and willing to go. So we should give more liberally and cheerfully, for blessed is the cheerful giver, it is more blessed to give than to receive, says our Captain give and it shall be given you, good measure, shaken down, pressed together and running over. Respectfully submitted.

A J Armstrong.

The Mission reports were discussed by Brethren D E Burdeshaw, A L Martin, A J Preston, J W Malone, Sr. and Geo M Parker. On motion adjourned for preaching.

At 11 a m Elder A J Preston preached from II Tim. 4:2. After the sermon a collection was taken for missions which amounted to $9.30. Adjourned to meet at 1:30.

EVENING SESSION.

Re-assembled at appointed hour. Prayer by Rev Geo M Parker.

The discussion of mission reports was resumed, discussed at some length, and adopted.

J V Brown read as follows report on

FINANCE.

We the Finance committee ask to make the following report:

For State Missions	$12.00
For Home Missions	22.63
For Foreign Missions	22.68
For Associational purposes	51.70
For Orphan's Home	41.89
For Minutes	24.20
For Bro Robt Lee	3.50
Total amount received	$178.60
Public collection for State Missions, $9.30 and Pledges, $4.00.	$ 13.30
Total amount	$191.90

Vouchers received as follows:

For State Missions	$17.75.	
For Home Missions	1.00.	
For Foreign Missions	1.00.	
For Orphan's Home	11.55.	
		$31.30.

Total amount of cash received with vouchers $209.90

Respectfully submitted,

J V Brown,
W L Kelley.
J J Boyett,

Sept. 29, 1899.

The Modeartor then called for pledges which was responded to liberally by both churches and individuals.

On motion of Geo M Parker the Treasurer was authorized to pay over to Elder A J Preston (State Evangelist) money for the various mission purposes.

On motion of A J Armstrng the 3 o'clock services were called in and regular order of business proceeded with.

J W Malone, Jr. read as follows report on

ORPHANGE.

Our Orphanage has been in operation little more than six years. During this time we have received into it 49 boys, and 69 girls, and out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the Institution 21 boys and 42 girls—63 in all.

The children came from twenty-four counties as follows:

Autauga	2	Lee	10
Barbour	8	Limestone	1
Bibb	2	Marengo	4
Butler	3	Monroe	4
Conecuh	2	Morgan	3
Covington	8	Montgomery	7
Elmore	2	Pike	2
Escambia	11	Russell	1
Hale	2	Talladega	8
Henry	4	Tallapoosa	2
Jefferson	15	Tuscaloosa	9
Lamar	1	Walker	6

The Home is situated on Main Street, next door to the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged, and where all of our children, that are old enough, attend.

The boys are taught to work on the farm, and the girls to do various kinds of house work. The crop the boys were making this year, was greatly damaged by a hailstorm early in June.

Mrs C W Ansley, who had been Matron since the Home began retired from the work with the beginning of this year and Mrs Jennie M Hardy, of Greensboro, was elected to fill that position.

It is gratifying to note the continued improvement in the domestic life of the children. The Matron has arranged one of the rooms for a chapel, and every Sunday afternoon a happy band make melody their hearts to the Lord.

During this year the children have been put in uniforms, which adds much to their appearance, and is no more expensive than their former dress. It promotes family life.

It takes about ten dollars a day to support the family, besides what they get in goods. They have no income except the offerings of their friends. "It is more blessed to give than receive."

We are very sorry to note there has been a falling away in our annual contributions to the home and would recommend that our pastors be more vigilant in pressing the claims of the Home, making friends for the Orphans and soliciting more liberal contributions to the Orphanage. Respectfully submitted, J W Malone, Jr. Cha'm.

This report was discussed by Brethren J W Malone, Geo M Parker, D E Burdeshaw, S J Belcher and J B Ward, and adopted.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $8.85.

On motion of Rev Geo M Parker vouchers are received for contributions to the cause of missions in any way.

On motion of Geo M Parker a committee was appointed consisting of one female member of each church who shall choose two others to co-operate with her in taking collections for, and rendering other such help as can by them be given the Baptist Orphanage and report work performed at next session.

Brethren A J Armstrong and T J Dawsey were excused by the body.

It was announced that Bro T O Hutto would preach at 7:30.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Saturday 30.

THIRD DAY. MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by T O Hutto.

Regular order of business taken up. J V Brown read as follows report on

EDUCATION.

The committee on Education beg leave to make the following report: There are so many advantages that an educated person has over one who is uneducated. It is true that the educated persons are the leaders in every important enterprise, both as touching State and church as moral and religious affairs.

While it is of such importance to have the intellectual training, yet the moral and spirtual towers above it in significance. It is the best training where all there are taught side by side, for all education would be vain and only a delusion and a snare to allure mankind deeper into sin

making them more efficient workmen for the cause of Satan without the purifying and sustaining influence of Christianity. How can our people obtain the Christian education? No one can teach the principles of the Great Teacher who is not himself or herself a disciple of Christ?.

We should be willing to devote all the time and money we can spare to the education of our children literature, thus fitting them for usefulness in this life and giving them the means of being a blessing to others. The Committee understands that the Baptists have an institution of learning located in their midst for the Baptists of Southeast Alabama at Newton, and we heartily recommend it to the patronage of all Baptists who desire to educate their children at a nominal expense, and for the higher education we commend the Howard and Judson as institutions where the higher education may be acquired. These two schools stand in the front rank of the Southern schools. Respectfully,

J V Brown, Ch'm.
A Daugatry,
N L Hawley, Jr.

This report was discussed by Brethren J V Brown, J W Malone, J B Ward, Geo M Parker, and adopted.

J L Campbell read as follows report on

INDIGENT MINISTERS

We your committee on Indigent Ministers submit the following report: We find all your Ministers in very good circumstances except our much beloved brother R B Lee who is afflicted and needs the help of God's people in this his time of trouble. We earnestly appeal to each member of this Association to make an offering for the support of our brother and send forth one united petition to Almighty God for his restoration to his much wanted health. Respectfully submitted.

J L Campbell,
J M Owens,
T H Trotter.

A collection was taken for Bro R B Lee who was made mention of in above report amounting to $10.15.

On motion of Bro J W Malone the funds sent up for Associational purposes were equally divided between brethren R B Lee and B Martin after the expenses of the Association were defrayed.

J J Boyett read as follows

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We the Executive Committee beg leave to make the following report: By the order of the Association at her last session we have paid out thirty-three dollars and fifty cents

for the education of Bro Robt Miller. We have also examined the Treasurer's books and find them neatly and correctly kept and all monies paid as directed by the churches and the Association. We also find in the hands of the Treasurer forty dollars and three cents. Respectfully submitted. M V Capps, Chairman.

The Treasurer's report was read by B F Harris and adopted as follows:

B F Harris, Treasurer, in account with the Judson Baptist Association Oct. 1, 1898.

To amount cash on hand		39	45
Received from Finance Committee			
State Missions		24	18
Home Missions		6	20
Foreign Missions		4	05
Associational purposes		49	60
Orphan's Home		33	49
Minutes		26	25
Total amount received		183	22
Oct. 1.	By amount paid out		
" "	A J Preston, Clerk	15	00
" "	Minutes	26	25
" "	State Missions	24	18
" 22.	Home Missions	6	35
" "	Foreign Missions	4	00
" "	Orphan's Home	33	49
" "	Exchange		17
Feb. 18, '99.	To W J Martin	20	00
" " "	Postage		10
June 23, "	W J Martin	13	50
" " "	Postage		15
Total amount paid out		143	19
Balance on hand		40	3

Respectfully submitted. B F Harris.

J B Ward read as follows report on Nominations which was adopted:

NOMINATIONS

We your committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that the next session of the Association be held at Hebron Baptist church (Henry

Co) Thursday before the first Sabbath in Oct A D 1900 and that D E Burdeshaw preach the Introductory Sermon. We recommend the following named brethren as delegates to the State Convention: Brethren Geo M Parker, M V Capps, A J Armstrong, T J Dawsey, J W Malone, Jr., J J Boyett, D E Burdeshaw and W J Martin. We name as Executive Committeemen Brethren M V Capps, W L McGee, A Armstrong, J J Boyett and F B Jernigan. Respectfully submitted,

J B Ward,
R F Hall,
T H Trotter.

On motion the 11 o'clock services were postponed. J W Malone, Jr., read as follows report on Publication which was adopted.

PUBLICATION

Dear Brethren:—We are sorry to note the little interest which our people seem to be taking in our Publications. We have in Philadelphia one of the finest publishing houses in the world. Thousands of Bibles and Testaments are sent out from this house every year besides other religious literature. Then our Sabbath School Board at Nashville, is sending out some most excellent publications. We would recommend that our people patronize these houses and give them their sympathy, co-operation and support. Our people should read their State paper next to their Bible and then supply their children with such literature as will elevate their mind and heart. We believe that our Sabbath Schools should be encouraged to take our Southern Convention series of S S Literature. Respectfully submitted. A Armstrong.

Geo M Parker read as follows report on

TEMPERANCE

The subject assigned to your committee is a broad one, and is no less important than broad. Temperance has been defined as meaning "the moderate use of things lawful and the total abstenance from things unlawful." It is to the last element in the definition that the reports and discussions on the subject, in our Associations and Conventions are confined—the argument being applied to the use and sale of intoxicating drinks. Hence, our work on Temperance has been confined to the one purpose of uprooting the liquor traffic from our midst, together with the purpose of elevating the moral standards of our people in reference to the drink habit. Your committee take pleasure in reporting the cause of Temperance has made such progress, within the past few years, that, whereas, then the open saloon was not only in all of our towns and villages, now there are only

two of these engines of hell in the bounds of this Association and these are confined to one locality—Headland.

But let not our people relax their efforts in this work nor conclude that because the victory is so nearly won their energies may flag. Rather let them take courage and push forward until no bar rooms are to be found and until no church will retain in its membership any person who uses strong drink as a beverage.

J B Ward,
T O Hulto,
Geo M Parker,
Committee.

This report was discussed by Brethren J W Malone, Sr, and Geo M Parker and adopted. Geo L Fleming read as follows report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons which was adopted.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons submit the following: We find from the Letters from the different churches that the Lord has not taken from us any of our ministers or deacons but is blessing them in their work. Respectfully submitted. Geo L Fleming, Ch'm.

J B Ward offered the following resolution which was adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That we the delegates and visitors, express our sincere thanks to Bethel church and the citizens of the community for their kind hospitality expressed by them and extended to us during our stay in their midst.

J B Ward.

On motion of W T Poindexter $5 was appropriated to the Treasurer for his services. On motion of Geo L Fleming $15 was appropriated to the Clerk for his services. The Moderator proceeded to appointment of committee on Orphanage as follows:

Asheville, Mrs Z W Laney; Adoniram, Echey Ayres; Beulah, Anna Pitman; Bethel, Cenithy Richards; Center, Mary Elmore; Christian Home, Alma James; Concord, Bracken; Enon, Anna Burdeshaw; Fellowship, Anna Capps; Friendship, Anna Phillips; Headland, Mollie Lindsey; Hebron, Laud Granberry; Judson, Miss Hattie Craddock; Lawrenceville, Annie Phillips; Mt Aerial, Mrs Sula Richards; Old Zion, Miss Addie Doswell; Pleasant Grove, Mrs Ella Weaver; Sardis, Queeney Holley; Tolbert, Mark Shelly; Shorterville, Miss Jennie Farmer.

After appointment of above committee Rev J W Malone, Sr, made a talk at the conclusion of which the congregation

joined in singing while the parting hand was taken, Prayer by Rev Geo M Parker. Adjourned until 3 o'clock p m.

At 3 p m. Elder Geo M Parker preached from II Timothy 4:7. At the conclusion of the sermon the Association adjourned to meet with Hebron Baptist church, Henry county, Ala., Thursday before the first Sabbath in October 1900. Thus ended one of the most harmonious sessions of the Judson Association. W J Martin, Moderator.

J W Malone, Jr., Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty and not two hundred members, four messengers; and so on in graduation, one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The messengers when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

Art. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or evidently applied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should therefore regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principle business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending his kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ and especially with those united in this Association.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeeting with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

Art. 6. The churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, excluded, restored and dead, since last session and all other

information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Art. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the committee on finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and holds his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art 9. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

Art. 12 This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body and by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present: Provided such alteration be approved by a majority of the members.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection

Art. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world: that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own will and ability.

Art. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Art. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Art. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and immersion only is Baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal.

ART. 12 We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and he is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated ; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which effect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two thirds of the members in session.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1899.

CHURCHES.	State Missions		Home Miss'n		Foreign Miss'n		Associational Purposes.		Orphan's Home		Minutes	For Bro. Lee	Total Cont'bted	
	C	V	C	V	C	V			C	V				
Abbeville,	12.00	15.50	14.00		14.00		2.00		10.00		1.50	3.50	70.50	15.50
Bethel,							2.50		6.25		1.50		9.70	
Beulah,							4.50				1.50		4.05	
Adoniram,											.75		5.25	
Bethlehem,*														
Center,							5.00	5.00			1.50		11.59	5.00
Christian Grove,*							.50		.50		.75		1.75	
Enon,							5.00				1.00		6.00	
Fellowship,							2.50				.75		3.25	
Friendship,							2.00		4.00		.75		6.75	4.25
Headland,		2.25		1.00		1.00	1.00				1.50		6.75	
Hebron,							5.00				1.50		6.50	
Judson,							5.00		2.50,		.50		8.00	
Lawrenceville,							4.35		1.50'		.75		6.60	
Mt. Acrial,*							.35				.50		.85	
Oaky Grove,*														
Old Zion,							1.25		5.00		1.00		1.00	
Pleasant Grove,		3.30		3 35					3.35	6.55	1.25		7.50	
Sardis,							2.00				1.50		18.05	6.55
Shorterville,		5.33		5.33			1.00		5.84		1.50		3.50	
Smyrna,*							5.00		1.70		2.00		19.50	
Tolbert,							1.25		1.25		.70		7.40	
Union Springs,*							1.50				1.00,		3.50	
											.50		2.00	
Total	12.00	17.75	22.63	1.00	22.68,	1.00	51.70		41.89	11.55	24.20	3.50	209.90	31.30

All the churches except those marked thus (*) in above financial exhibit made pledges for Associational purposes. Personal Pledges---M V Capps, $5.00; J B Ward, $5.00; A J Armstrong, $2 50; T O Hutto, $2.50; T J Dawsey $1.00; W L McGee, $1.00; W J Capps, $1.00, J R Rackley, $1.00; A Armstrong paid $1.00; S J Belcher paid $1.00; G B James paid $1.00; W A James paid $1.00; J W Owens, $1.00.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CO.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	Memb'sp last R'p't'd	Baptism	In, Letter	Restor't'on	De. Letter	Exclusion	Death	Present Memb'sh'p	S. S. Teachers	S S. Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths	Prayer Meeting
Abbeville,	Henry,	Geo. M. Parker,	R. W. Miller,	Abbeville,	140		11		3		1	147	12	90	4	1
Adoniram,	"	J. W. Malone, Jr.	W. H. Parker,	Haleburg,											2	
Bethel,	Barbour,	J. W. Malone, Sr.	J. E. Vinson,	Lodi,	139	2						137			4	
Bethlehem,																
Beulah,	Henry,	B. T. Jones,	J. W. Pitman,	Dothan,	75	11	1					85				
Center,	"	D. E. Burdeshaw,	F. M. Roney,	Newville,	147	4	5		9			147			1	1
Christian Grove,	Barbour,	R. B. Lee,	W. A. James,	Eufaula,	69					1		69			1	
Concord,																
Enon,	Henry,	D. E. Burdeshaw,	J. R. Rackley,	Kinsey,	53		6		2			57				
Fellowship,	"	Aris Armstrong,	D. W. Capps,	Capps,	87	1	2		10	2	1	77				
Friendship,	"	J. W. Malone, Jr.	B. R. Sellars,	Wesley,	42	2		1	6			43				
Harmony,												121				
Headland,	"	R. Deal,	J. L. Campbell,	Headland,	116	2	6	1	3		1		10	70	1	1
Hebron,	"	Aris Armstrong,	J. M. Armstrong,	Balkum,	83											
Judson,	"	W. J. Martin,	G. L. Fleming,	Wesley,	52	3	2	3	3		1	56			4	
Lawrenceville,	"	W. J. Martin,	N. L. Hawley,	Lawrenceville,	31	1	2		1	1		32				
Mt. Aerial,	Barbour,	R. B. Lee,	W. C. Jernigan,	Cotton Hill,	35					1		33				
Oaky Grove,	Henry,	W. H. F. Smith,	F. M. Holand,		54				1	6		48				
Old Zion,	"	J. W. Malone, Jr.	G. W. Fleming,	Abbeville,	33	13	14	2	1			62			3	
Pleasant Grove,	"	J. J. White,	S. M. Singletary,	Abbeville.	147	3			1	9		142				
Sardis,	"	J. W. Malone, Sr.	E. D. Holley,	Abbeville.	53			1	2			52			2	
Shorterville,	"	H. L. Crumbly,	W. F. Mills,	Shorterville,	147	13	2	1	2	1	3	164			2	1
Smyrna,	"	R. C. Deal,	J. D. Daughety,	Dothan,	72	5	5		10			70			4	
Tolbert,	"	J. W. Owens,	M. P. Shelly,	Newville,	115	2	2	1	4	2	2	110				
Union Springs,	"	Z. Deeze,	A. Cutchen,	Capps,	49		2	1	3	2		46				

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

I Call to order by former Moderator.
II Introductory Sermon.
III Enrollment of Delegates.
IV Election of Officers.
V Call for Petitionary Letters.
VI Appoint Special Committees:
1 Devotional. 2 Nominations. 3 Finance. 4 Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
VII Receive Correspondents and Visitors.
VIII Appoint Correspondents.
IX Elect Executive Committee.
X Miscellaneous Business.
XI Report of Standing Committees:
1 Missions. (a) State. (b) Home. (c) Foreign.
2 Education.
3 Temperance.
4 Indigent Ministers.
5 Sabbath Schools.
6 Executive Committee.
7 Orphanage.
8 Publications.
XII Report of Treasurer.
XIII Report of Special Committees.
XIV Appoint Standing Committees.
XV Miscellaneous Businesss.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—J. B. Ward, Abbeville, Ala., Wm Kelly, W. H. Capps.
HOME MISSIONS—A. Danghety, Cowarts, Ala., S. M. Singletary, W. L. McGhee.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. W. Peacock, Dothan, Ala., J. W. Owens, J W White.
TEMPERANCE—D. E. Burdeshaw, Kinsey, Ala., A. S. Whitten, E. D. Holley.
EDUCATION—J. E. Espy, Lawrenceville, Ala., J. E. Hendley, R. L. Fowler.
ORPHANS HOME—W. H. F. Smith, Headland, Ala., W. T. Poindexter, M. Stone.
PUBLICATION—S. J. Belcher, Bush, Ala., J. J. Boyett, W. J. Doswell.
INDIGENT MINISTERS—A. Armstrong, Abbeville, Ala., J. A. Campbell, F. B. Jernigan.